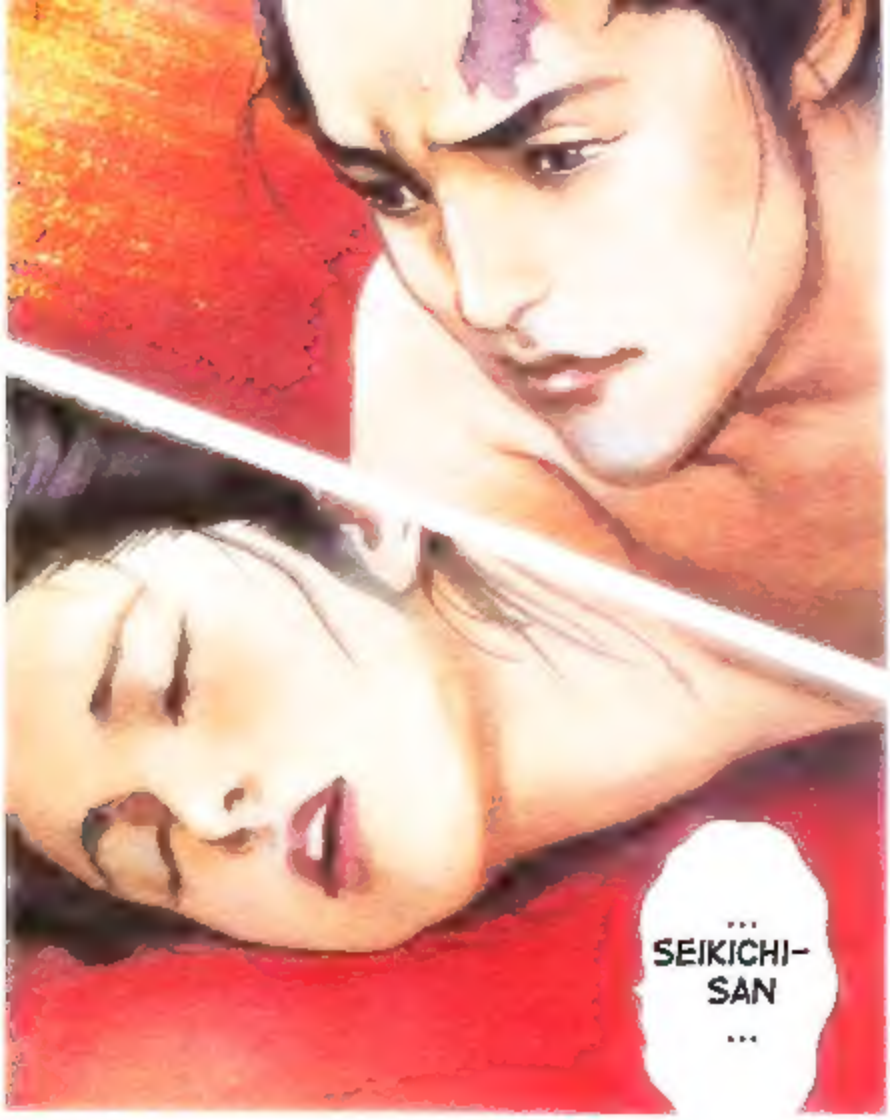
Chapter 3
Snake (Part I)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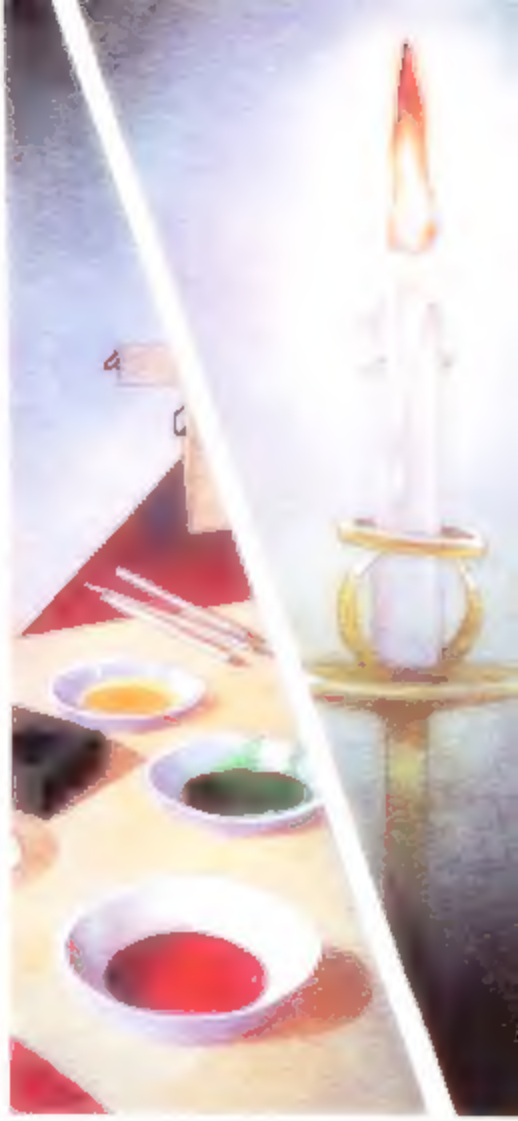
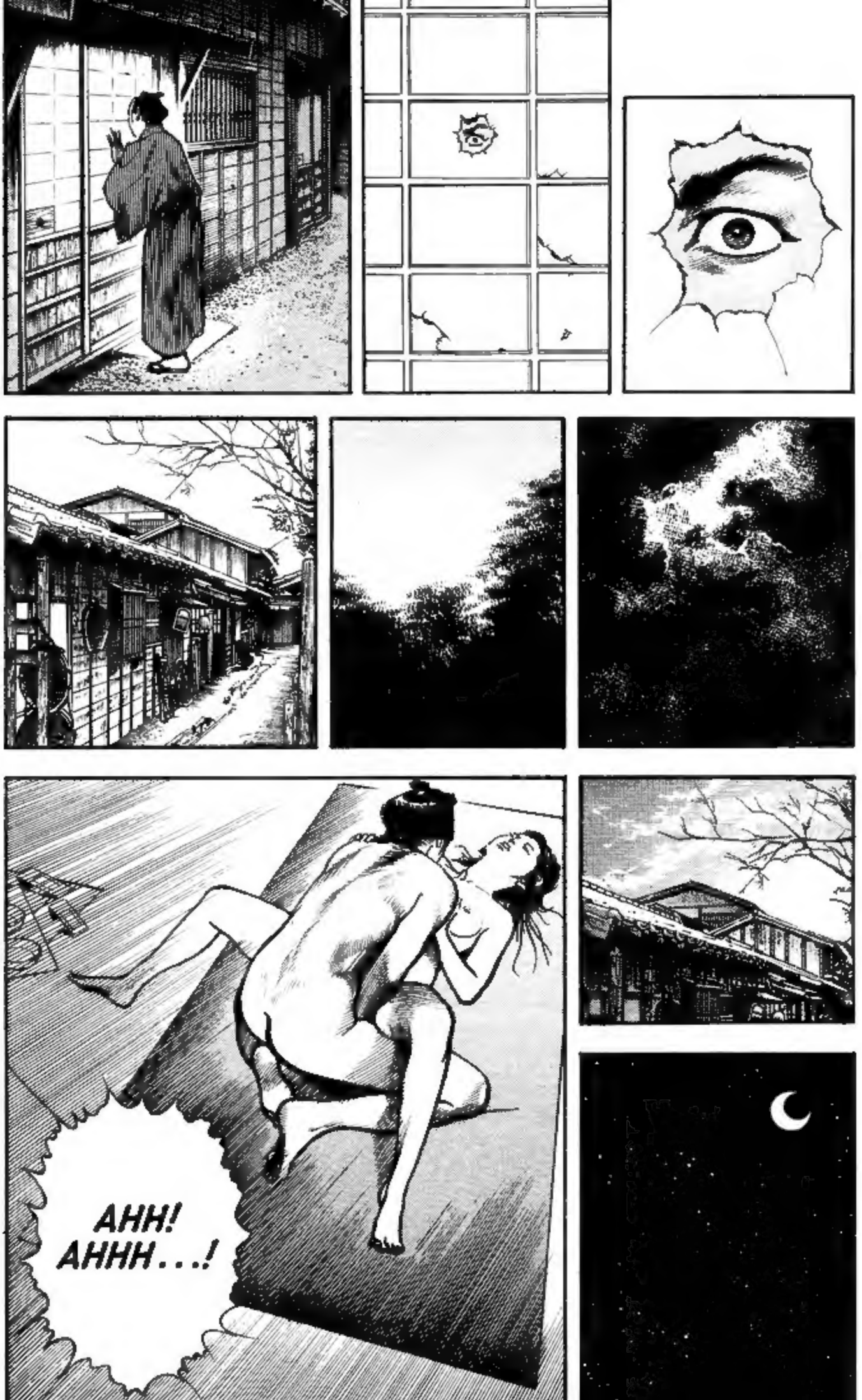


AREN...
IT CAME OUT...!
THE SERPENT
HAS APPEARED
ON YOUR BODY!
AHH,
AHHH~~~!

A... AMAZING, THIS IS MAGNIFICENT... THE SERPENT IS BINDING TO ME!
AHHH! AHHHHH!!
THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF OOBOROBORI I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR...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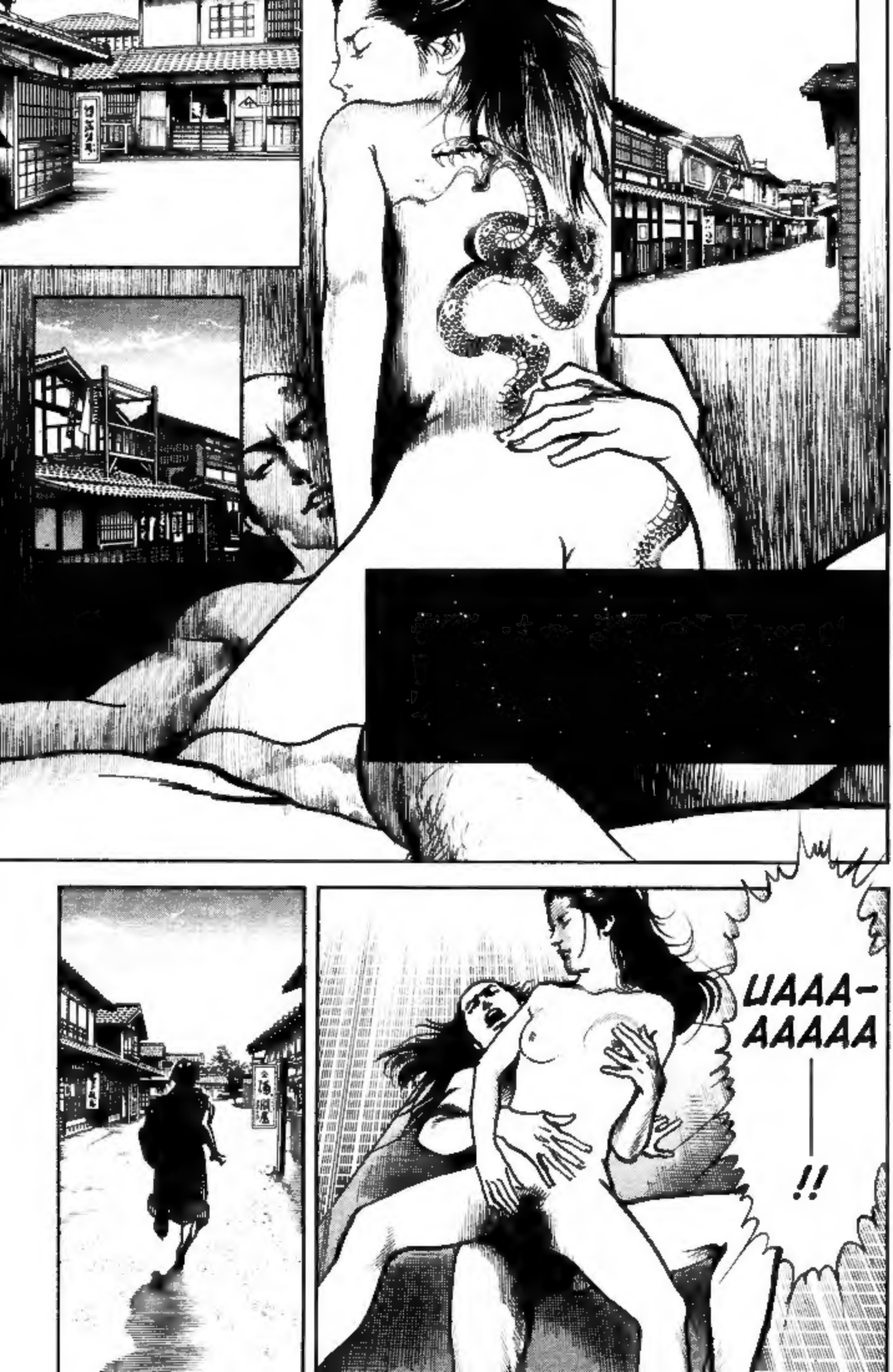
AHHH...!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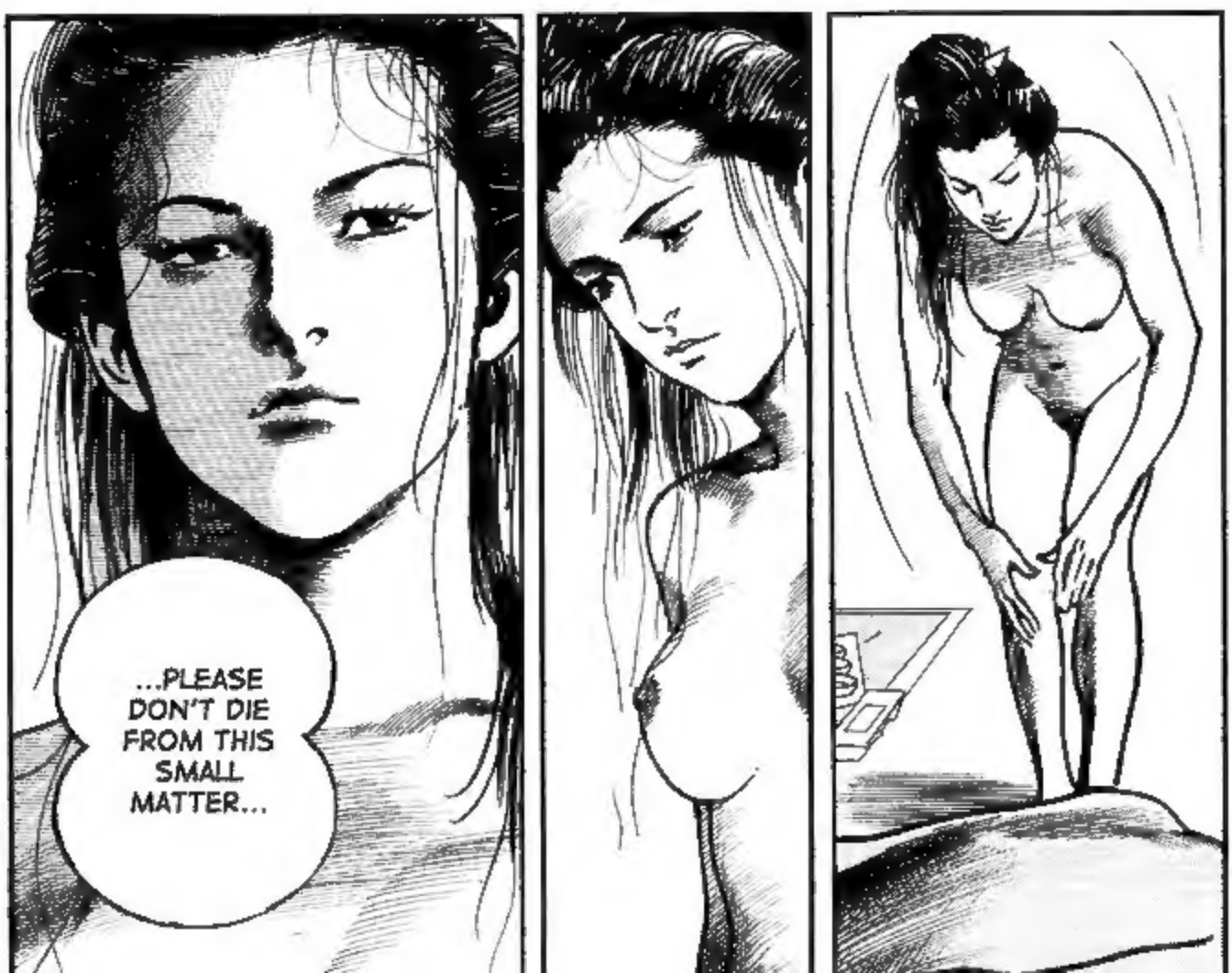
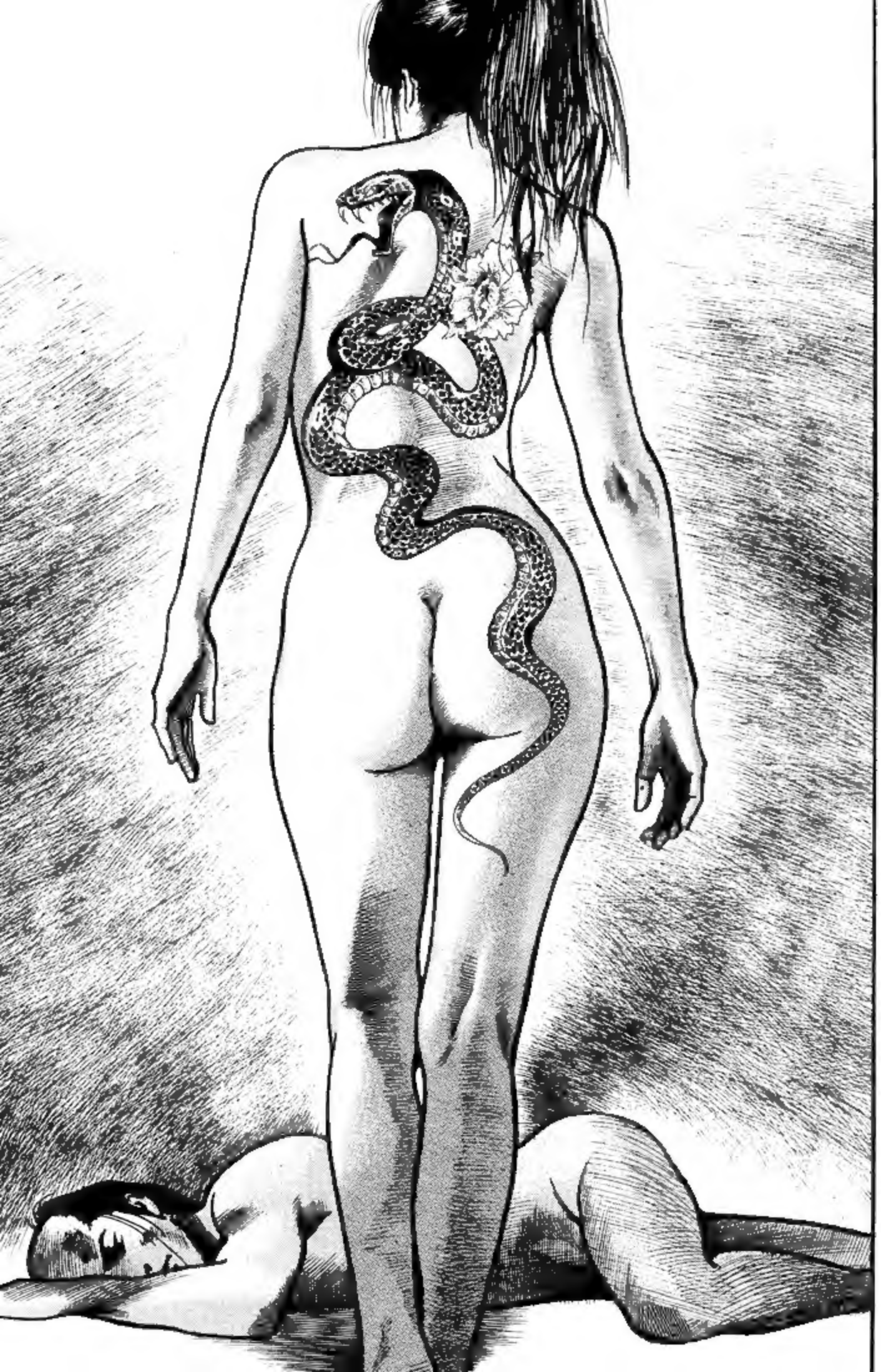
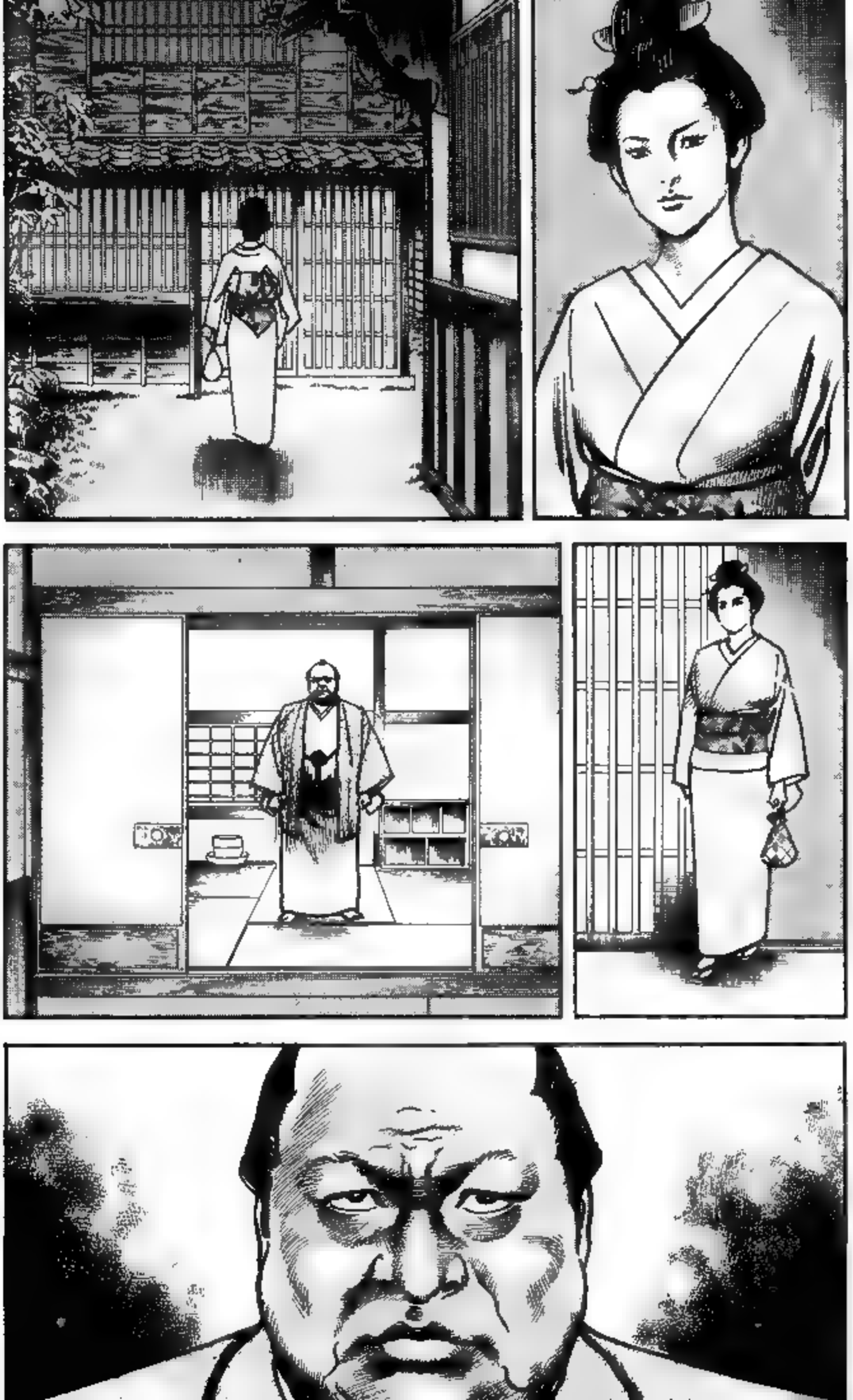

...PLEASE
DON'T DIE
FROM THIS
SMALL
MATTER...

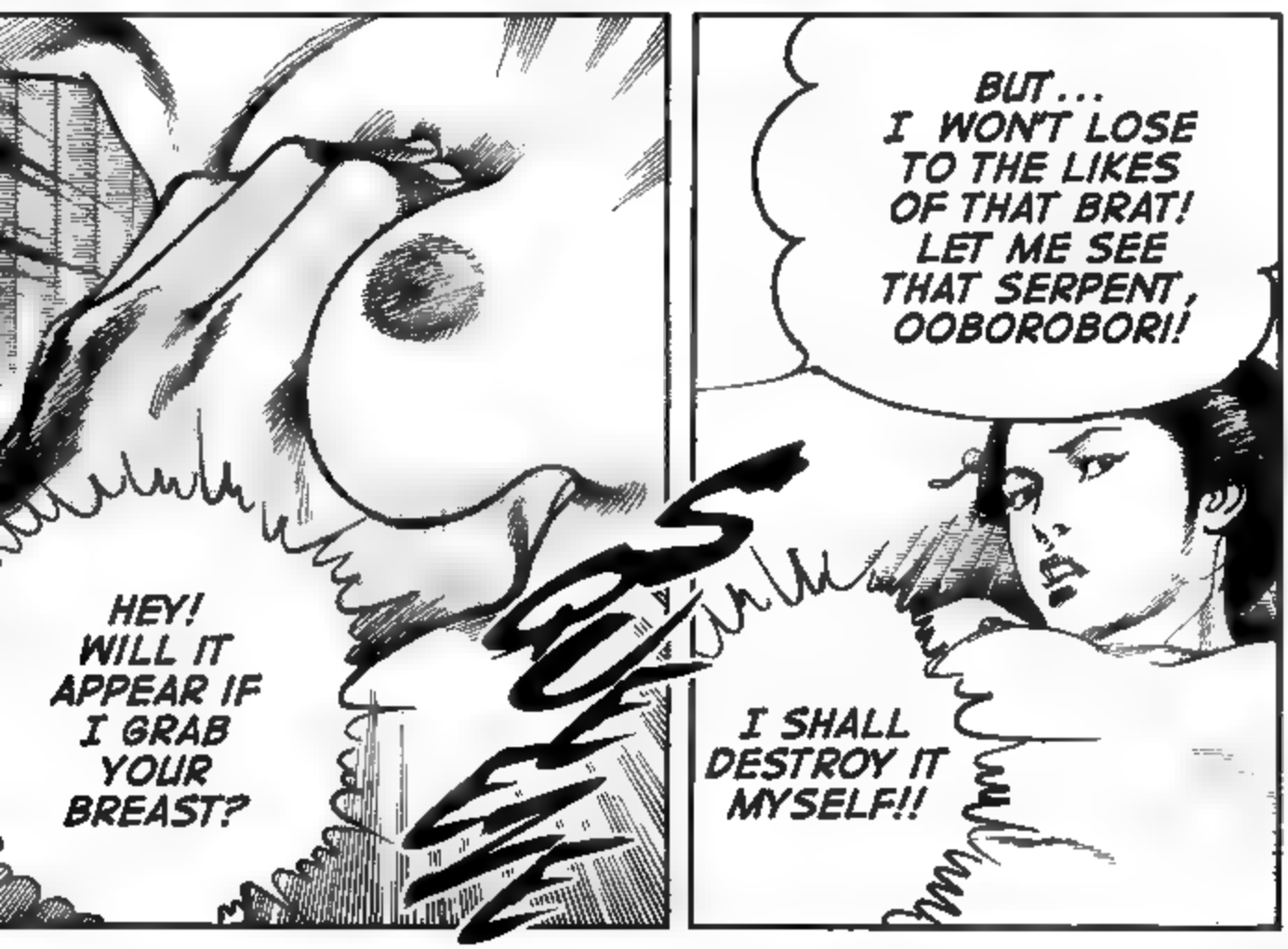


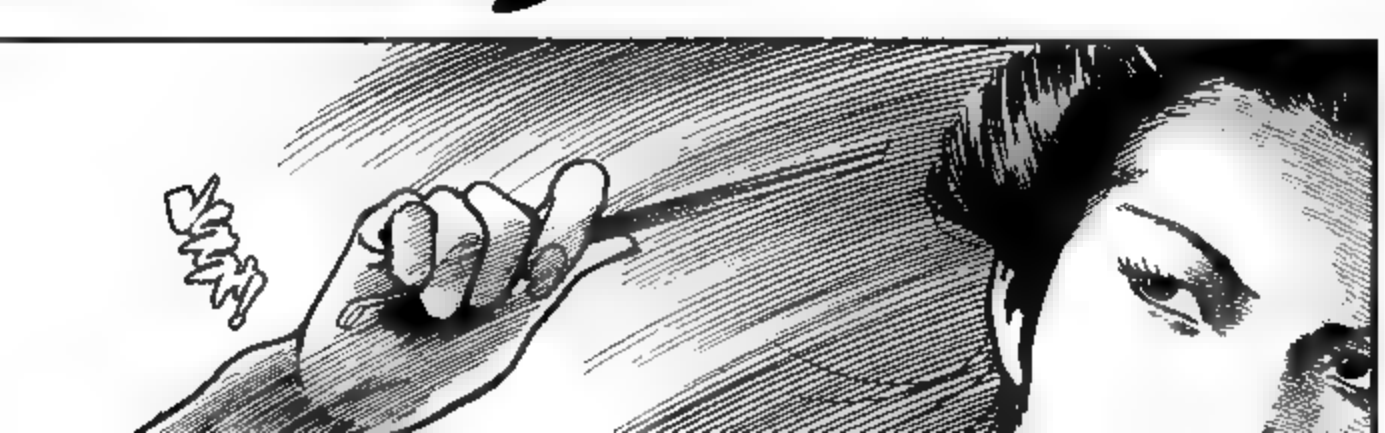


I'VE COME BACK EARLY DUE TO MY CLIENT.
DON'T BE SO SHOCKED TO SEE ME IN MY CONCUBINE'S ROOM WHEN I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IN EDO...
YOU REALLY ARE A DIRTY SLUT! BEING WITH OTHER MEN WHEN I AM NOT AROUND...
...AND AS EXPECTED, YOU WEREN'T HOME...
.....
WAH!!
TO BE CERTAIN, I HAD THE PEOPLE FROM THE SHOP KEEP AN EYE ON YOU. THEY HAVE ALREADY TOLD ME EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE THESE PAST FEW DAYS!

AREN, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND! EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE BUT ONE OF MY TEN CONCUBINES, YOU BELONG ONLY TO ME!
NOBODY CAN TOUCH YOU!!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I SPENT TO SET YOU FREE YOU FROM THAT BROTHEL?
IT WAS NO SMALL AMOUNT!

I HEARD THAT A MAN BY THE NAME OF SEIKICHI WENT MAD OVER THAT THAT DEMONIC SERPENT TATTOOED ON YOU.
LIKE A BEAST, HE CONTINUALLY FUCKED YOU FOR THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS! WHAT AN ENVIABLE POSITION TO BE IN!


BUT... I WON'T LOSE TO THE LIKES OF THAT BRAT! LET ME SEE THAT SERPENT, OOBOROBORI!
HEY! WILL IT APPEAR IF I GRAB YOUR BREAST?
I SHALL DESTROY IT MYSELF!!



UWAH!
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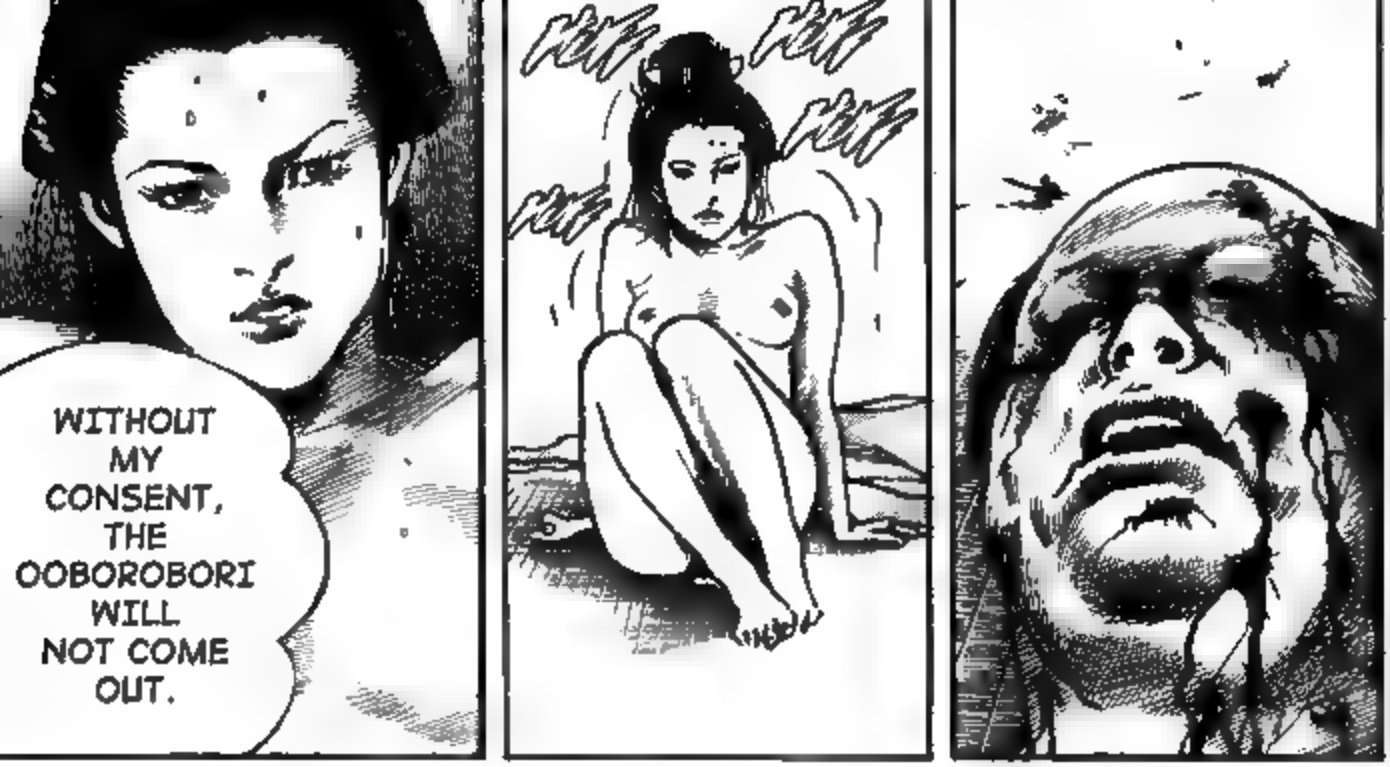
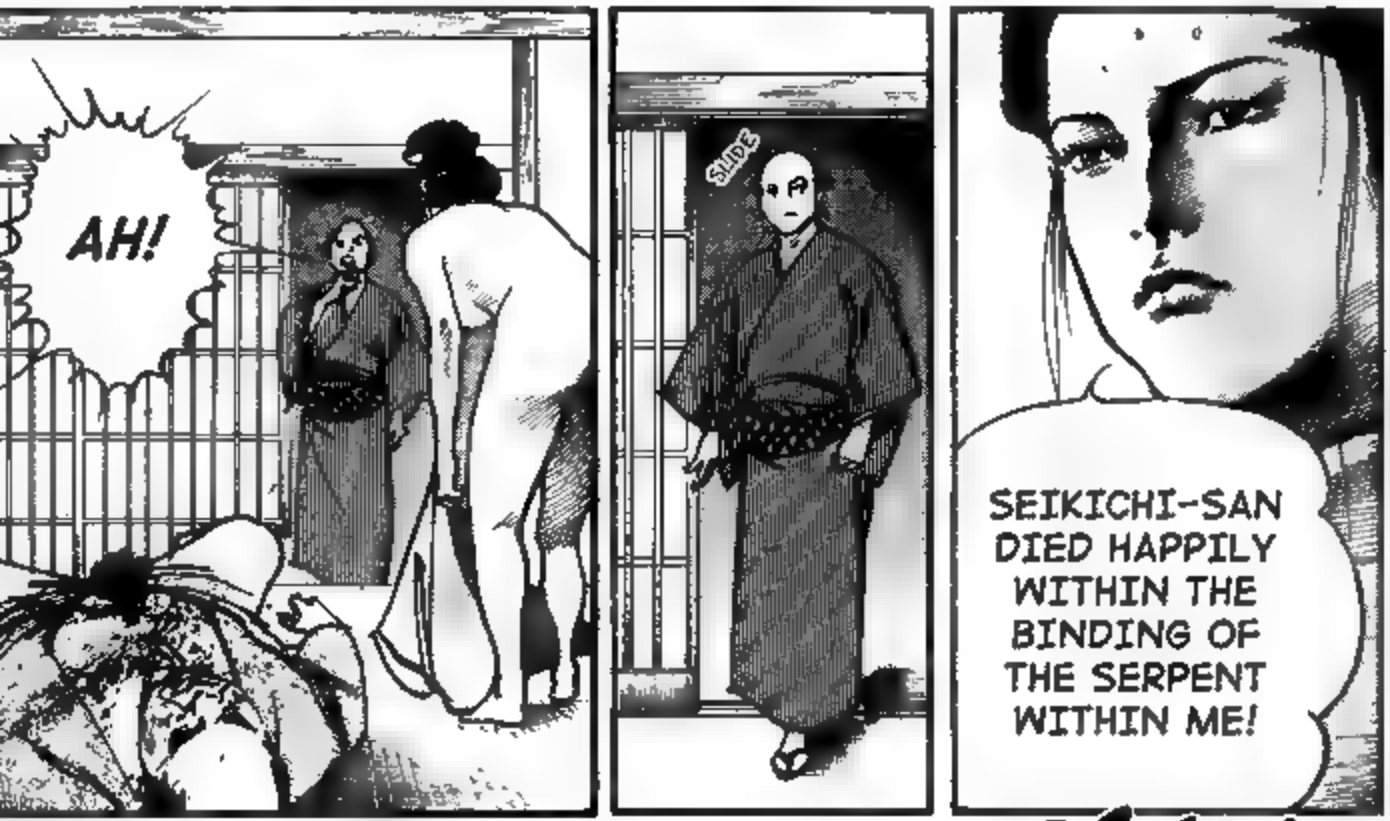
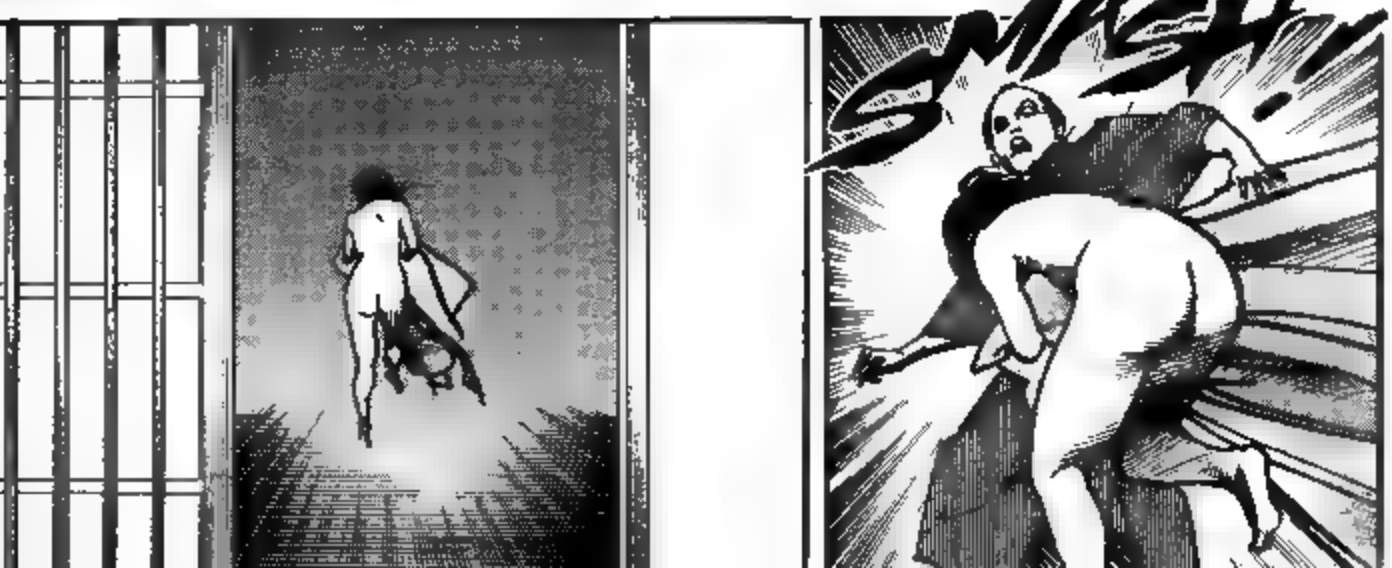

WITHOUT MY CONSENT, THE OOBOROBORI WILL NOT COME OUT.


AH!
SLIDE
SEIKICHI-SAN DIED HAPPILY WITHIN THE BINDING OF THE SERPENT WITHIN ME!


SMASH!!

BEASTS! THEY'RE ALL ANIMALS !!

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WHAT A RELIEF!
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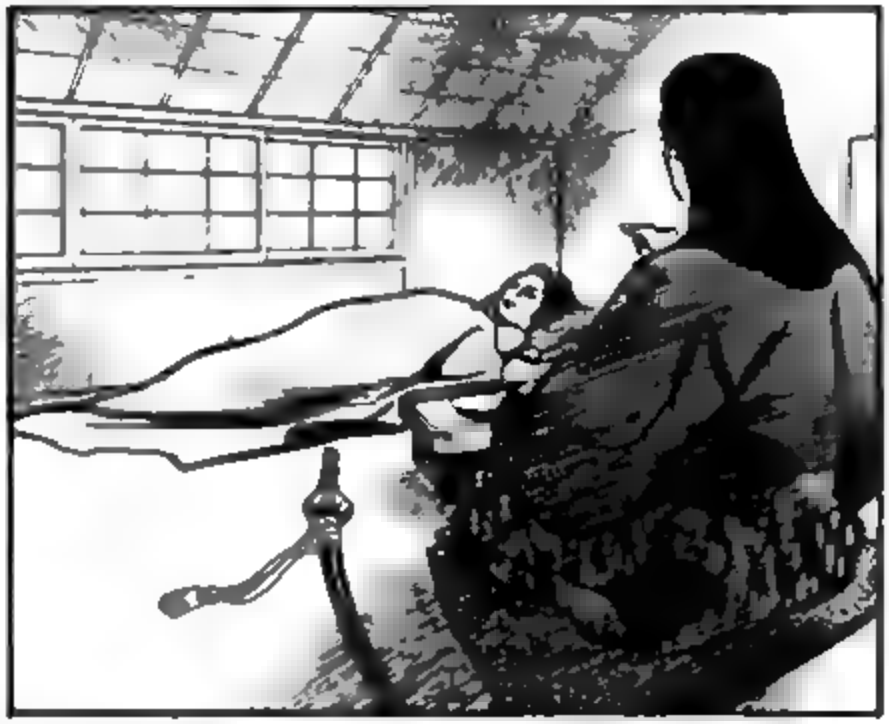
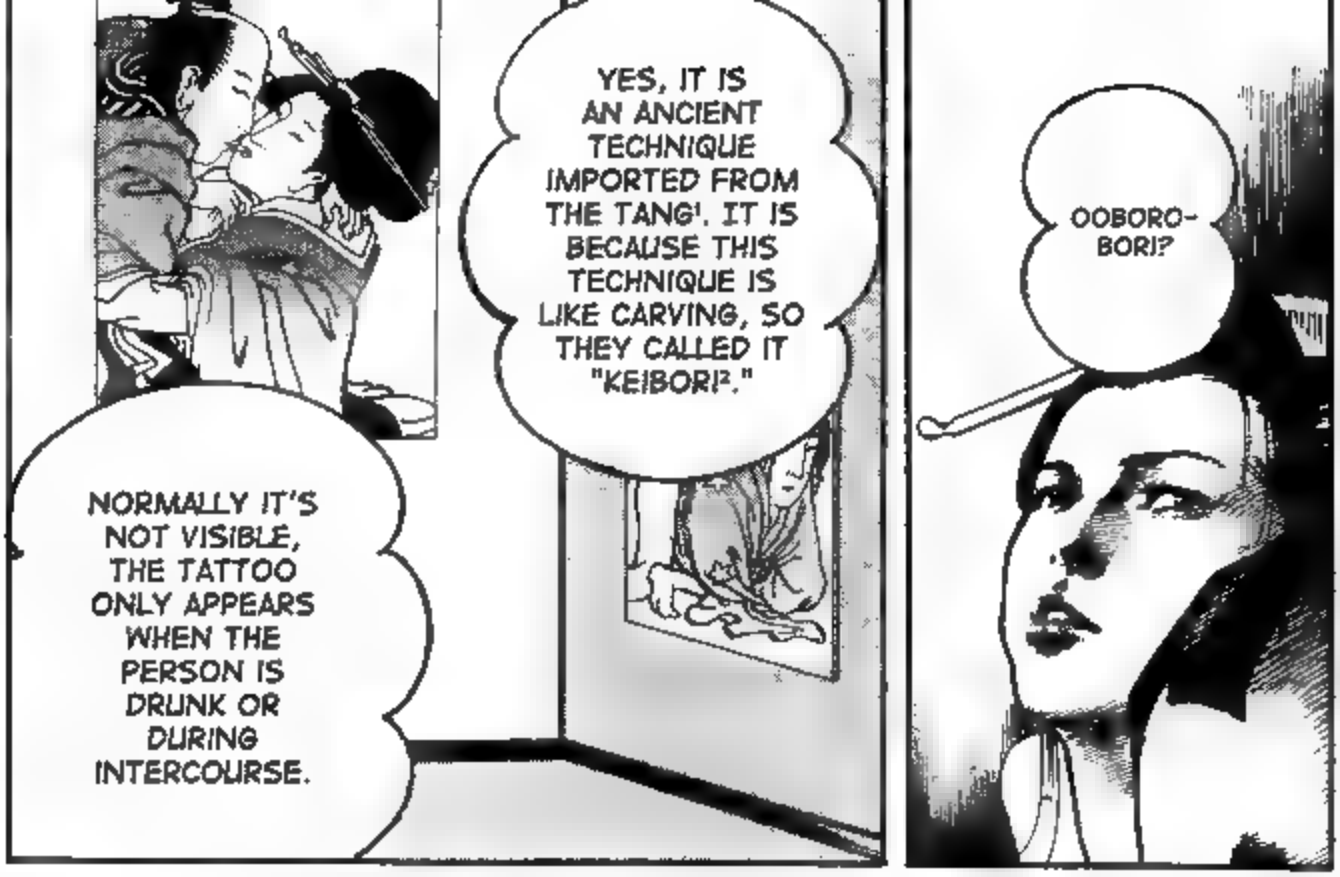
YOUR SWORDS-MANSHIP IS LIKE THAT OF A GOD'S ..



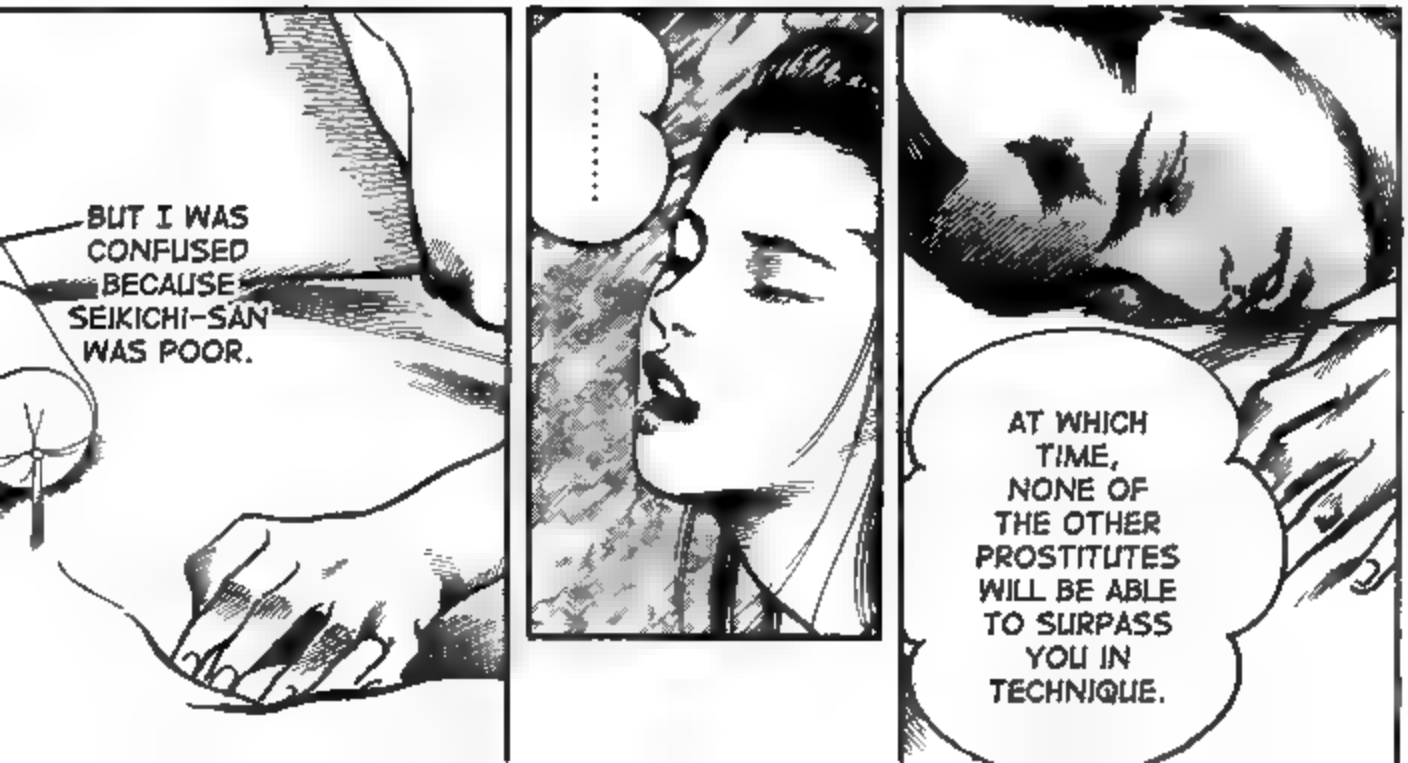
YOU
ARE..

COULD YOU BE THE ONE WHO SAVED ME JUST NOW?
.....
I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT
WALKING AROUND NAKED AT NIGHT... I BET EVERY MAN WHO SAW YOU WOULD BECOME A BEAST...
YOU MUST HAVE YOUR REASONS... IF YOU DON'T MIND, I WILL GLADLY LISTEN TO THEM..

UNEXPECTEDLY, ALL THE CUSTOMERS LIKED ME A LOT. AND SO, I BECAME FAMOUS WITHIN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. MY NAME HAD ALSO BEEN CHANGED TO "AREN."
TO HELP REDUCE THE BURDEN ON MY FAMILY, I WAS SOLD TO A BROTHEL IN THE CITY WHEN I WAS THIRTEEN.
HIS GREATIST AMBITION WAS TO TATTOO SOMETHING CALLED AN "OOBOROBORI" ON ME
BUT BY THAT TIME, I HAD ALREADY FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ONE OF MY REGULAR CUSTOMERS...
SEIKICHI-SAN WAS ONCE AN UKIYO-E ARTIST, BUT NOW, HE IS A TATTOOIST.
HE FELL IN LOVE WITH ME AT FIRST SIGHT...
THE KIMONO STORE OWNER, GONDOU GENZAEMON, BOUGHT ME FORCEFULLY WITH A LARGE SUM OF MONEY


NORMALLY IT'S NOT VISIBLE, THE TATTOO ONLY APPEARS WHEN THE PERSON IS DRUNK OR DURING INTERCOURSE.
YES, IT IS AN ANCIENT TECHNIQUE IMPORTED FROM THE TANG[1]. IT IS BECAUSE THIS TECHNIQUE IS LIKE CARVING, SO THEY CALLED IT "KEIBORI[2]."
OOBORO-BORI?

ANY MAN WHO SEES THIS, WILL NO DOUBT SHED TEARS OF JOY.
WITH SUCH A TATTOO ON YOUR BODY, YOU WILL CERTAINLY BE MORE DELIGHTFUL IN THE BEDROOM.


BUT I WAS CONFUSED BECAUSE SEIKICHI-SAN WAS POOR.
.....
AT WHICH TIME, NONE OF THE OTHER PROSTITUTES WILL BE ABLE TO SURPASS YOU IN TECHNIQUE.

AND SO, I BECAME THE CONCUBINE OF GENZAEMON, AND WITH HIS MONEY, I STARTED HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH SEIKICHI-SAN.
SO.. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE BROTHEL OWNER'S OPINION, I HAD DECIDED TO BECOME GENZAEMON'S CONCUBINE.
UNFORTUNATELY.. WHEN WE WERE TESTING THE RESULTS OF HIS WORK, SEIKICHI-SAN WAS ..

AFTER THAT..
.....
AND SO... EVEN IF I WANTED TO REPAY YOU, ALL I HAVE IS THIS BODY...

.....
THAT SHOULD BE USEFUL...
SO YOU'VE BEEN SECRETLY KEEPING A SERPENT IN YOUR BODY THAT CAN SUCK THE ESSENCE OF MEN...
BUT IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP ME, I CAN GUARANTEE YOUR LIFE WILL BE SPARED...
AS THINGS ARE RIGHT NOW, YOU WILL BE BEHEADED FOR KILLING GENZAEMON.
ACTU-ALLY ...
plaaas
I WILL DO ANYTHING YOU ASK OF ME, IF THAT IS YOUR WISH!

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IT WOULD BE TROUBLE-SOME... IF OUR CONVERSA-TION WAS OVERHEARD ...
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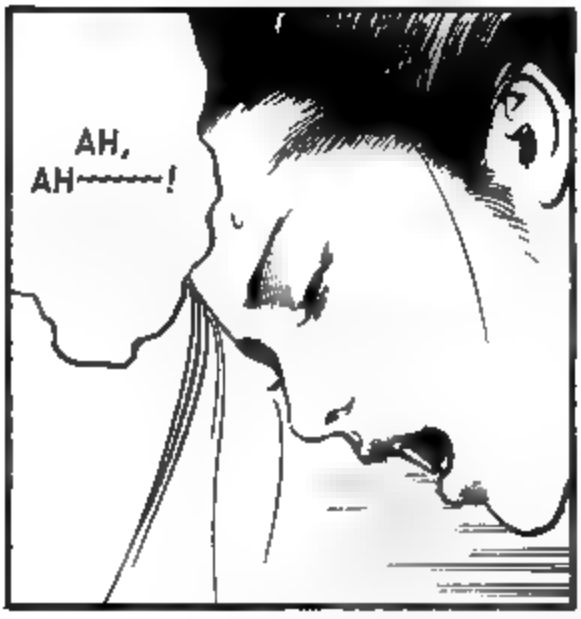
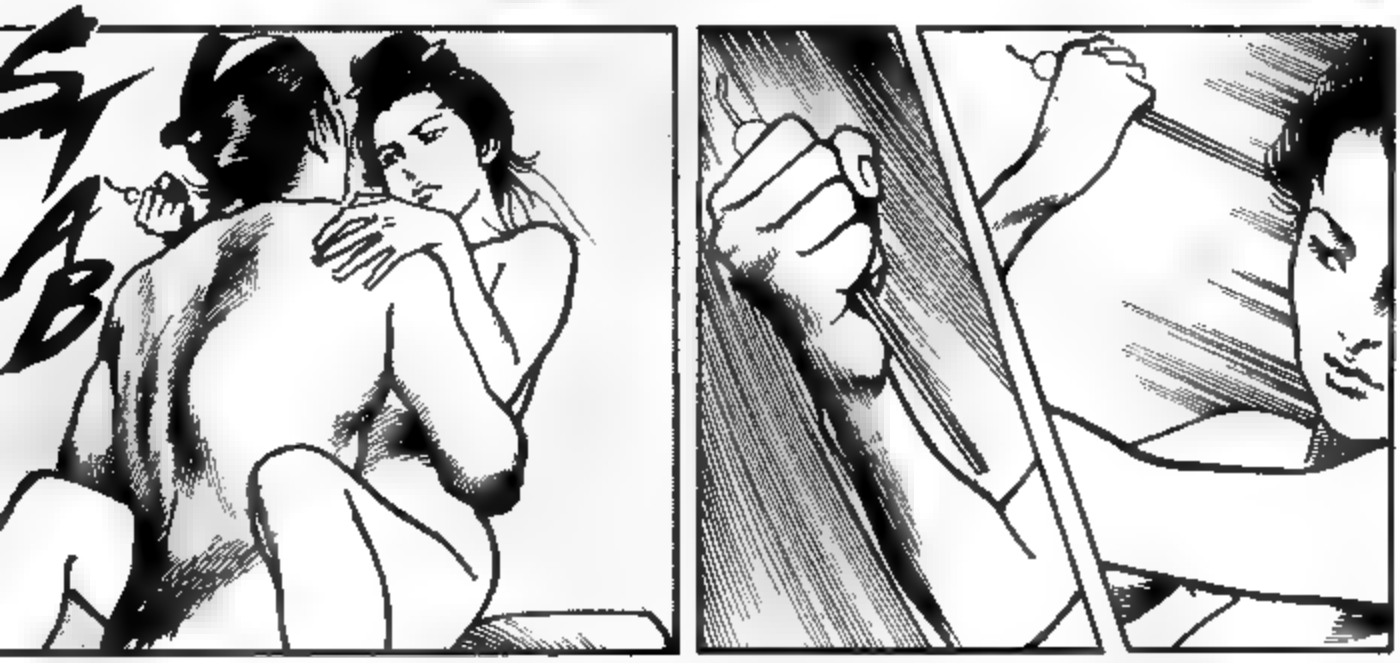

AH,
AH~~~~~!

THIS...
THIS IS...

BUT,
ASSASSINATING
THE BAKUFU IS
DEFINITELY NOT
A BAD THING...
IT'S
ONLY
NATURAL
FOR YOU
TO BE
SCARED...

AND THUS, I NEED YOUR POWER...
TO THOSE WHO LOSE THEMSELVES TO THE THROES OF PASSION, YOU NEED BUT TO STAB THEM WITH YOUR HAIR PIN.
.....
REGARDLESS OF WHAT ROLE WE PLAY IN OUR DAILY LIVES. AS WARRIORS, FARMERS, OR COMMON CITIZENS WE ARE ALL HUMAN
TO CREATE A NEW JAPAN WITH NO CASTE ONE COULD ABUSE, WE MUST DO THIS.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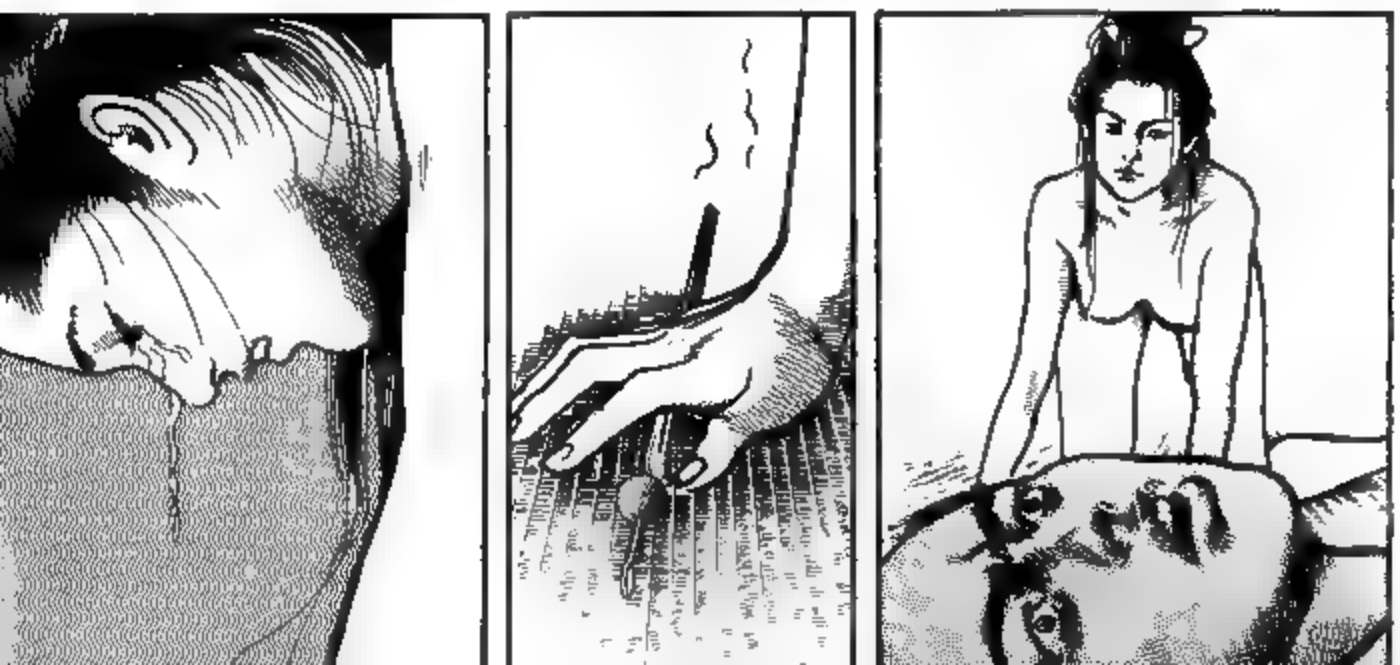
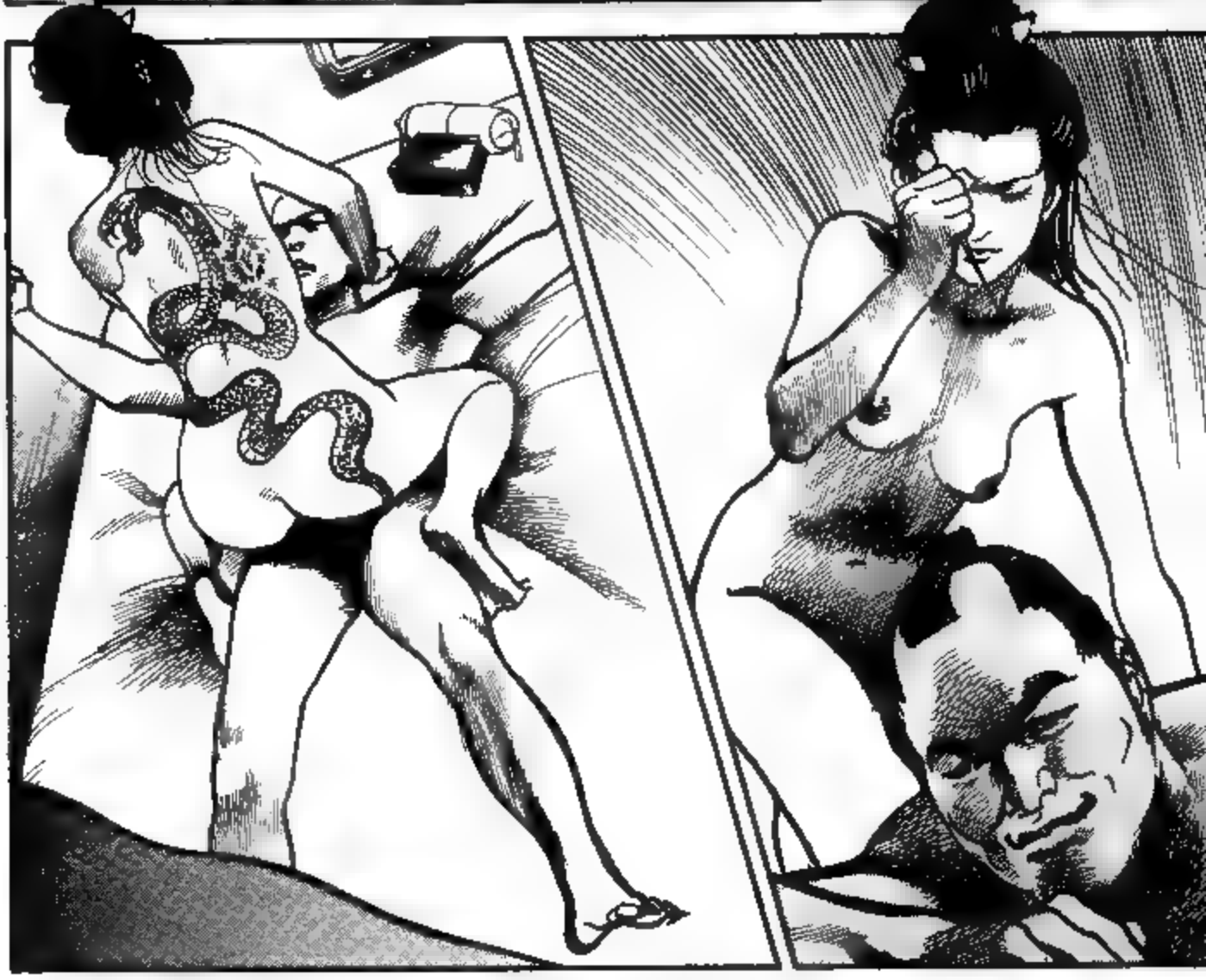
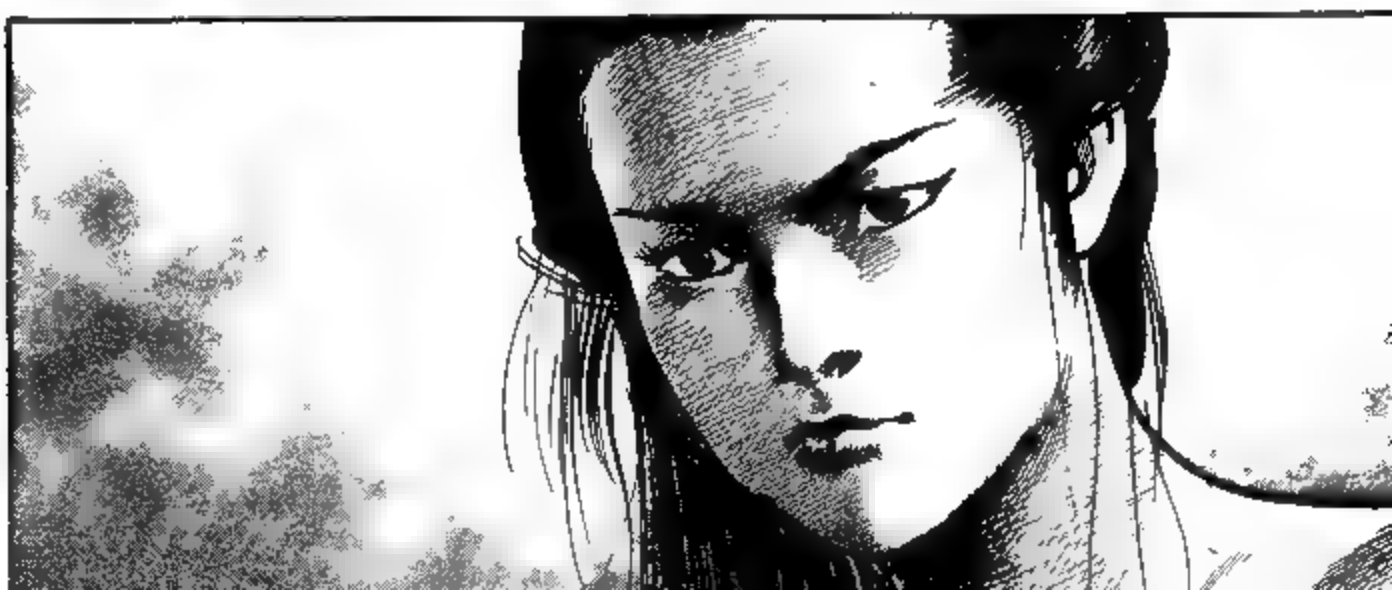
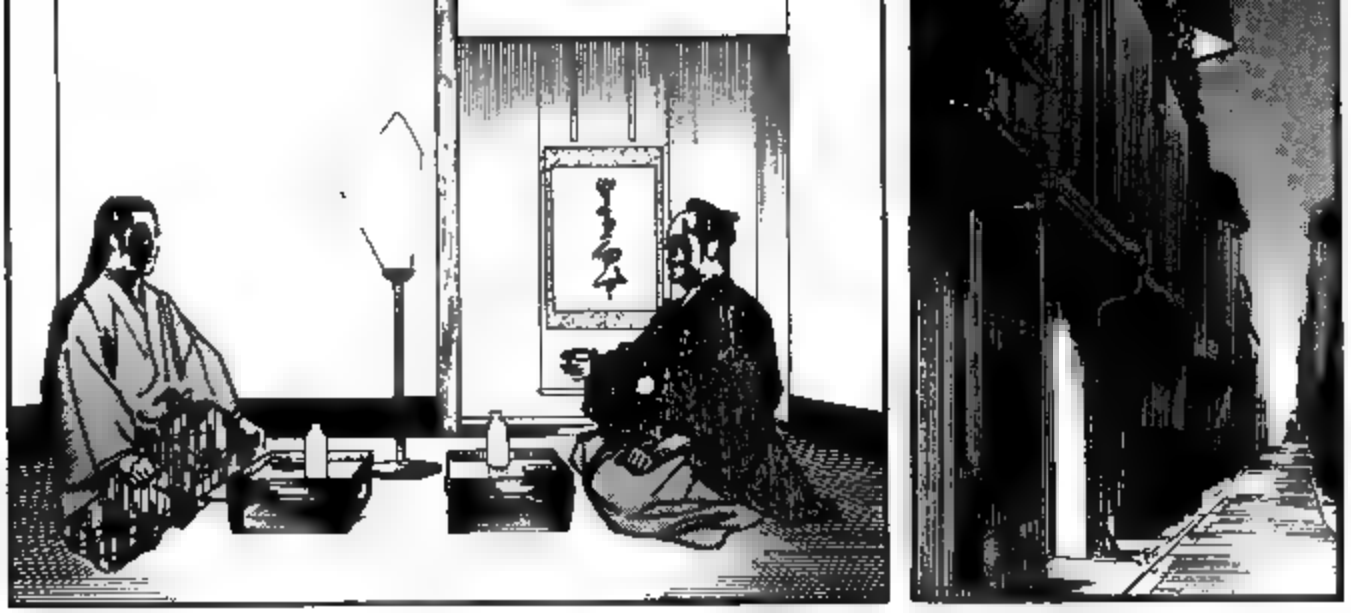
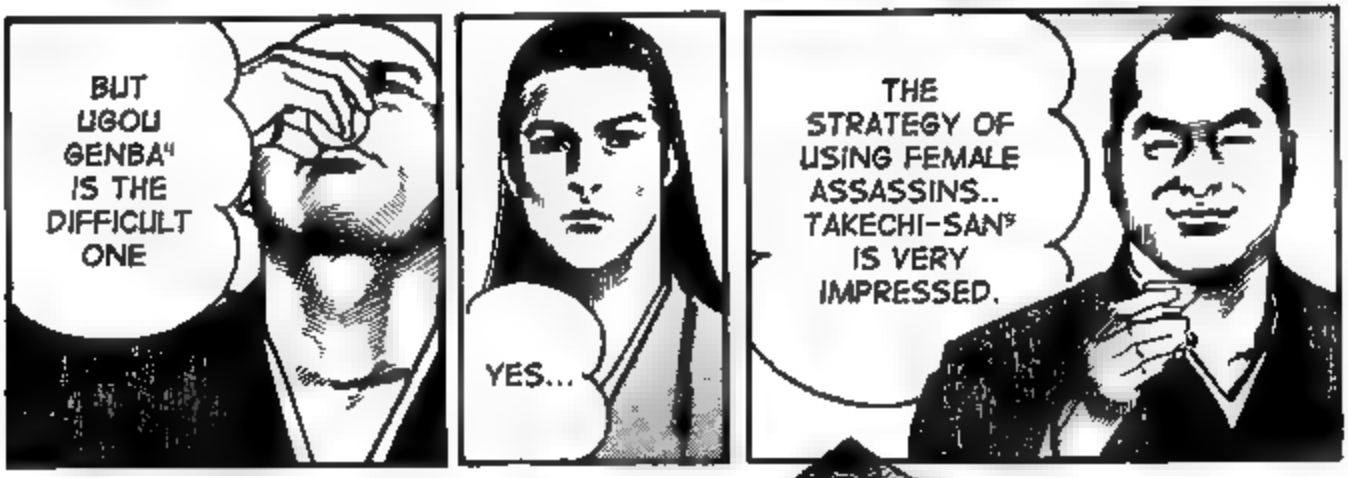


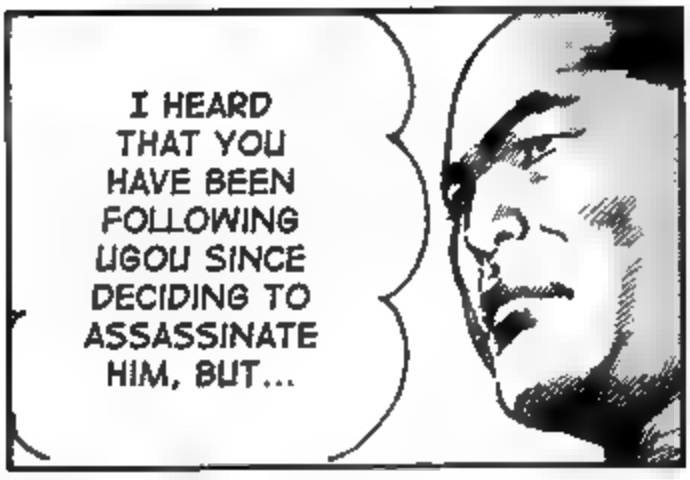




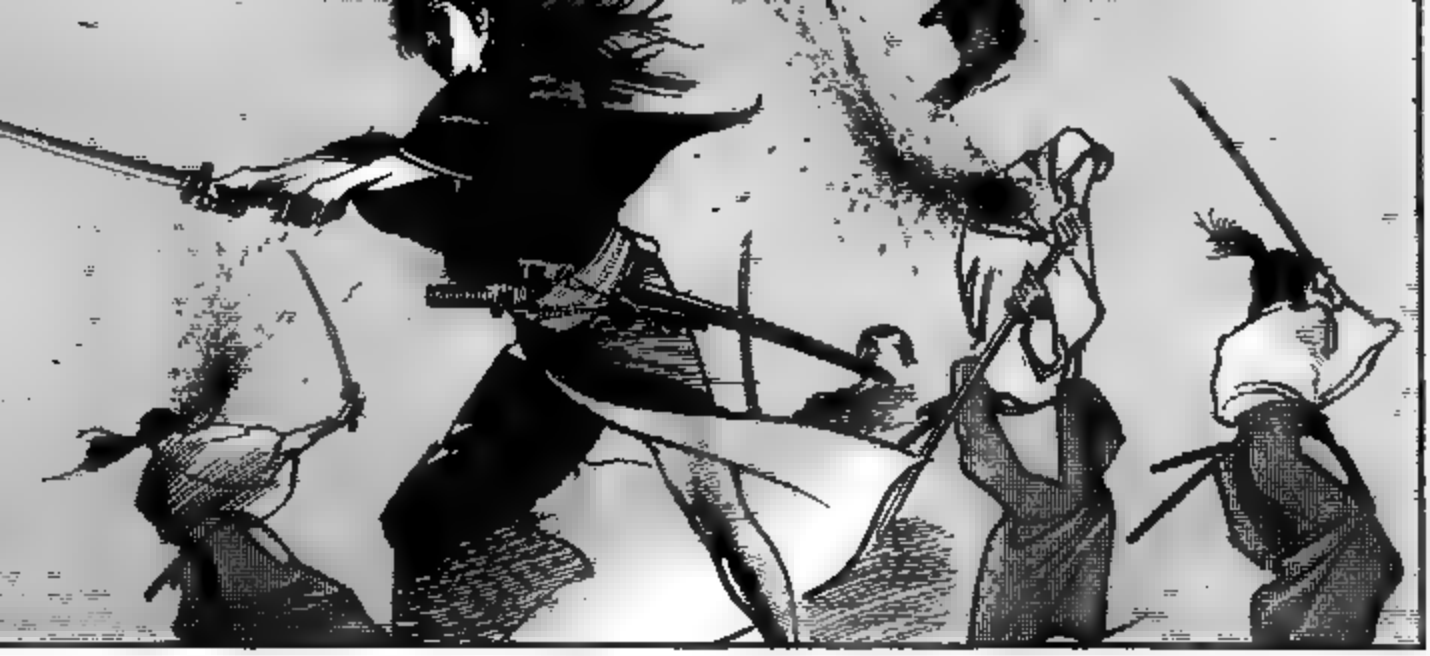
THE NEXT TARGET?
.....
IT'S SCARY HOW QUICKLY YOU'VE BECOME *ACCUSTOMED* TO THIS LINE OF WORK . AND TO THINK HOW FRIGHTENED YOU WERE WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED
.....
RIGHT NOW, I AM AFRAID OF THE SERPENT WITHIN ME THAT SEEKS PREY...




BUT UGOU GENBA[4] IS THE DIFFICULT ONE
YES...
THE STRATEGY OF USING FEMALE ASSASSINS.. TAKECHI-SAN[3] IS VERY IMPRESSED.


I HEARD THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING UGOU SINCE DECIDING TO ASSASSINATE HIM, BUT...

PROTECTING UGOU, IS A BODYGUARD. A WANDERER BY THE NAME OF GEN TUKINOSUKE
H.S SWORDSMANSHIP IS MOST SUPERIOR EVEN OKADA IZO AND TANAKA SHIMBE[5] ARE NO MATCH AGAINST HIM



ESPECIALLY UGOU. NOT ONLY DOES HE NOT RETURN HOME, HE HAS BEEN AT HIS MASTER'S HOUSEHOLD THE ENTIRE TIME.
AFTER SHIMADA SAKON HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED, SECURITY AT THE KUJOU'S RESIDENCE WAS STRENGTHENED.

THE RUMOURS ABOUT HIM ARE TRUE...

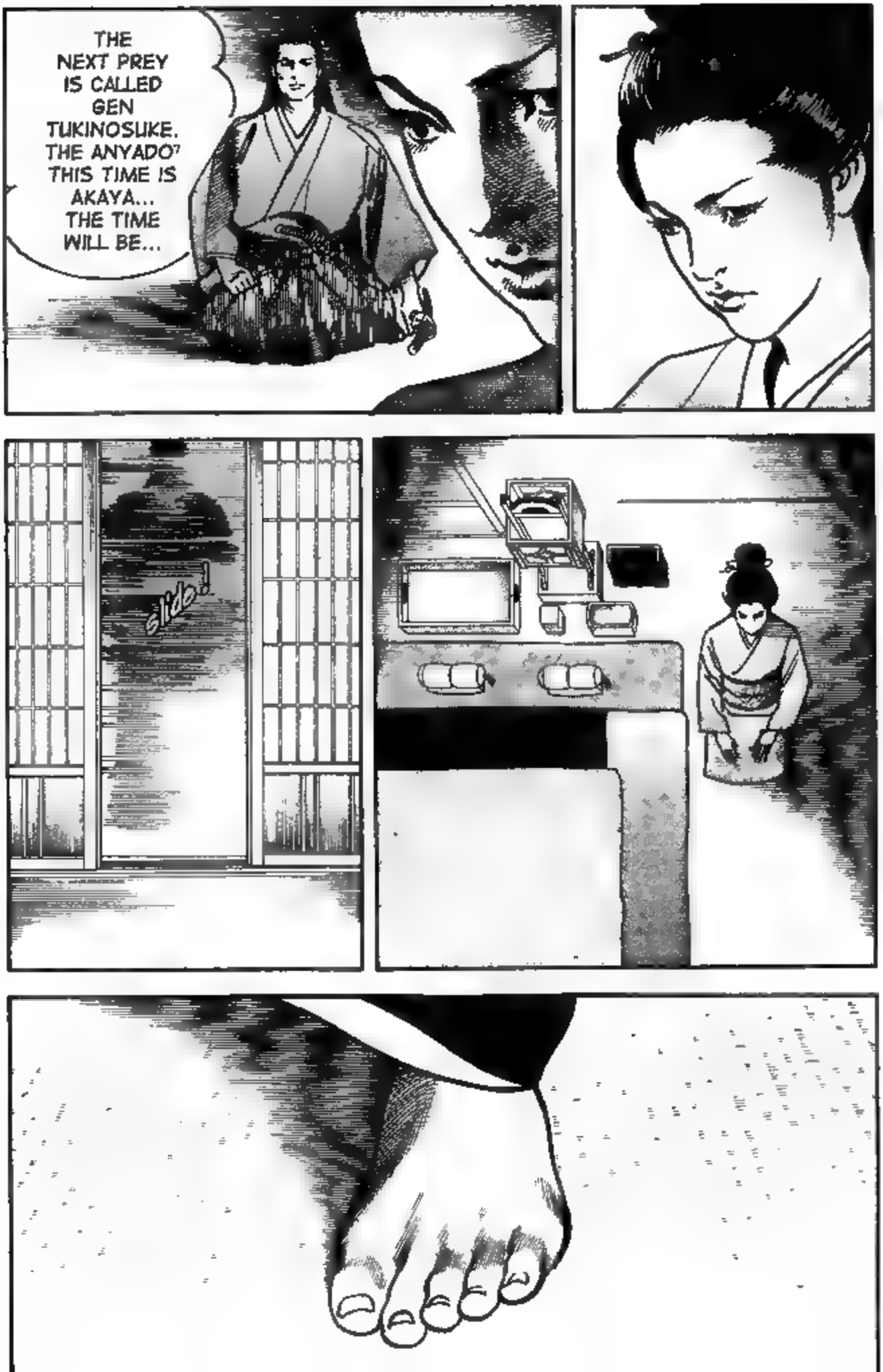
.....

ALSO, IT IS SAID THAT HE HAS NO INTEREST IN WOMEN

IF THERE IS ANY REASON FOR HIM TO GO OUT, TUKINOSUKE IS SURE TO BE BY HIS SIDE...

I AGREE ...
IF WE ARE TO ASSASSINATE IIGOU, TUKINOSUKE MUST BE ELIMINATED FIRST.
I'VE INVESTIGATED EVERYTHING... ABOUT TUKINOSUKE LIVING AT A YOTAKA'S..
. ABOUT HIM ONLY HAVING SEX WITH WOMEN WHO ARE ABOUT TO DIE ..
..AND THAT THERE IS A MALE PROSTITUTE NAMED GYUUZOU WHO HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM...

AS I'VE COME TO EXPECT FROM YOU ALWAYS METICULOUS WITH YOUR PLANNING.
I HAVE ALREADY BRIBED GYUUZOU TO PASS ON INFORMATION ABOUT A DYING WOMAN TO TUKINOSUKE.


THE NEXT PREY IS CALLED GEN TUKINOSUKE. THE ANYADO[7] THIS TIME IS AKAYA... THE TIME WILL BE...
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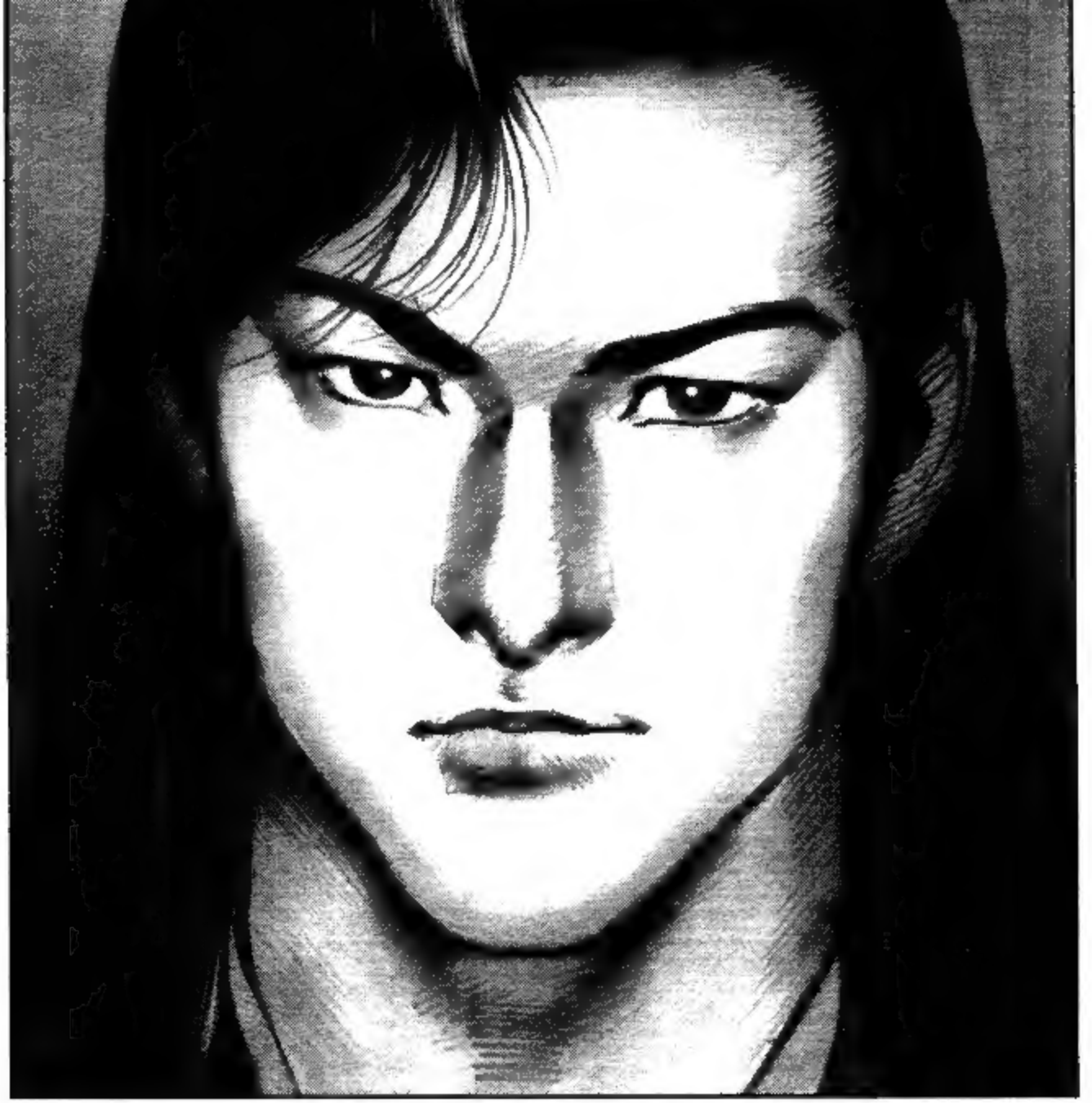

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The power at that time exterminated the legendary tribe, Saishi,
who were the vicious warriors inherited by beasts.
the tribe was beyond the boundary of human nature;
and even had poisonous blood.
Gen Tukinosuke, half beast and half human, has fatefully blood relation with Saishi,
and pronounces the death sentence on all.

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GLOSSARY

TANG[1]
Tang Dynasty, China (618-907), about 900-1200 years before the end of Edo, the time period that Bestia takes place in.

KEIBORI[2]
literally translates as "body-sculpture."

Takechi Hanpeita (1829-1865)[3]
the leader of tosakinnoutou, an anti-bakufu group formed under the permission of the emperor.

Ugou genba[4]
an ex-kampaku (advisor to the emperor), one of the people who carried out the ansei purge

(Ansei Purge was a purge, in 1858 and '59, of over 100 people from the bakufu, various han, and the Imperial court. Eight of those "purged" were also executed. It was carried out by Ii Naosuke in an effort to quiet opposition to his handling of the question of shogunal succession and the signing of the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Amity and Commerce.)

http://www.thebestlinks.com/Ansei_Purge.html

OKADA IZO (1832-1865)/TANAKA SHIMBE (1832-1863)[5]
two members of the four hitokiri, a group of secret assassins who worked for the emperor, taking lives of those who support the tokugawa shogunate over the emperor.

KUJOU FAMILY[6]
a noble family that is branched from the famous fujiwara clan, one of the most politically powerful families among the court officials.

ANYADO[7]
family inn that is used to prostitute one's wife and daughter due to poverty.